

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
December 12, 2005

Present: Berger, Bunker, Chadow, Chair Cooney, Fort, Vice-Chair Gwynne, Longley-Cook, Lord-Hausman, Moore, McGaughey,

Absent/Excused: Steffens

Guests: Firena Paulina

MINUTES: The minutes of August 22, 2005 where approved.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Free Shoppers Shuttle for Seniors:

Secretary distributed leaflet on 'free shoppers shuttle for seniors' schedule and pick up locations. Commission questioned why limited to 75 years or older and to include service animals.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: (Chair Cooney)

Commission moved election of 2006 officers to the January 2006 meeting to conform the bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Alameda Theater:

Commission reviewed City's/architects October 24, 2005 response to the Commission's questions and made the following additional recommendations: 1) conduct additional research into descriptive video applications by contacting Eric Lane at 1-800-443-0728, 2) is stadium seating still allowed under ADA guidelines and/or is there new ADA policy.

2. Pedestrian Access During Construction Projects:

Commission moved their recommended 'standards for pedestrian access during construction projects' with a minor correction. Secretary will forward to City Engineer.

3. Bylaw modifications:

The commission made the following draft modifications to the bylaws: 1) Article III.C.c. change "Failure to attend 75% of the meetings held during any 12-month period, whether excused or not excused." to "Three unexcused absences within a calendar year will require a reminder that one subsequent missed meeting could result in a dismissal from the Commission."; b) Relabel 'a' to 'c'; 'b' to 'a'; and 'c' to 'b'.; 2) Article IV, C change "The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Commission from its membership at the first meeting of each year when the Commission is fully constituted." To "The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Commission from its membership at the December meeting of each year. Term of office shall start in January."; and 3) Article V., A, change "The Commission shall meet at least once per year as necessary, on the fourth Monday of January, at 7:30 p.m." to "The Commission shall meet at least once per year as necessary, on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m."

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Secretary informed the Commissioners that the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Webster Street is being redesigned to eliminate the traffic island.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Commission Toby Berger informed the commission on Abilities Expo.
2. Commissioners would like a tour of the old Alameda Theater.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 23rd, 2006 in Room 360, City Hall.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Naclerio
Public Works Director

Ed Somemrauer
Associate Civil Engineer

ES:lc